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**SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LIBRARY
TRAINING**

A Summer School for Library Training will be conducted by the Library Division of the Department of Education at the University Farm, June 21-July 31, 1920.

As the school was omitted in 1919, provision for a large attendance will be made. Those who are now occupying library positions or under definite appointment to such positions are expected to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the state to qualify for this special work.

No separate course is offered for school librarians or teacher-librarians, as the library work for school and community is so closely related in Minnesota that the problem will be treated as a whole covering work in small public libraries serving the school, school libraries and school libraries serving the community.

The course is open to librarians of public and school libraries, or to those under definite appointment to such positions. Preference will be given to students preparing for work in Minnesota libraries. Students must have at least a High School education or its equivalent, and those preparing for work in school libraries must have the same educational qualifications as teachers in such schools. There are no entrance examinations.

The location of the school on the University Farm campus will have the advantages of adequate quarters, quiet and fresh air, comfortable living accommodations at a reasonable expense, and easy access to the Twin Cities.

The school will be in charge of Miss Clara F. Baldwin, library director of the Department of Education, with Miss Harriet A. Wood, supervisor of school libraries as vice-director. Miss Alma Penrose, now associate librarian at Carleton College, who has been an instructor in the school two previous years will again give the instruction in classification and cataloging, which will continue throughout the course.

Special emphasis will be laid this year on the subject of book-selection and the school is fortunate in securing the services of Miss Ethel R. Sawyer, director of the training class in the Portland (Ore.), Public Library. Miss Sawyer will give a course of 30 lectures running through the entire six weeks and covering all of the main classes of books with special talks on Books for and about foreigners, Americanization, Self-improvement: speech, manners, reading, etc.

The course is planned with two main ideas in view:

1st. To familiarize the students with books and writers, their respective fields and relative values in the world of literature.

2nd. To define and analyze the principles underlying the discriminating selection of books for library use and to apply these principles in working out problems of selection for different types of readers, thereby cultivating the power of judging books according to their value for a specific public.

This latter object will involve the study of the various aids in book-selection: lists, bibliographies, reviews, etc.

The work will be carried on by means of lectures followed by discussion of typical individual books with special reference to their relative desirability for a particular kind of library. This will involve some work in evaluating books by means of annotations as well as orally and the consideration of current books for possible purchase.

In addition to the general lectures, a two-weeks' special course will be given July 12-23, one week being devoted to fiction and the other to poetry. The lectures on fiction will include The place of fiction in literature; Books for adolescents; Constructive pessimism; Destructive optimism; What the public wants—i. e., human needs; motivating forces in life and literature. This course is sufficiently attractive to appeal to former students and it is hoped that many will plan to be present during these two weeks. A reunion of former students will be held on Saturday, July 17th.

The lectures on reference books will be given by Miss Elizabeth Scripture, librarian of the East High School, Minneapolis.

Supplementing the general course in book-selection, Miss Wood will give ten lectures on work with children, including book-selection, administration, reference work, the story hour and picture collections for children of the elementary school age both in the public library and the school library, and four lectures will deal especially with a course of training in the use of books and libraries for the elementary and the high schools.

The lessons in order, accession and mechanical processes including mending and binding will be given by Miss Scripture.

Lectures on the various phases of administration of school and public libraries will be given by Miss Baldwin and Miss Wood and

there will be lectures by visiting librarians on various phases of library work. These will include Libraries in hospitals and institutions, by Miriam E. Carey, supervisor of institution libraries, State Board of Control.

For application blanks and full announcement giving outline of the course, information regarding room and board, fees, supplies and preliminary preparation, address the director, Library Division, Dept. of Education, Historical Building, St. Paul.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Plans for the annual meeting of the Minnesota Library Association are practically complete and the program with social and recreational features arranged by Hibbing and the other Range towns promises a delightful and profitable September meeting. The dates have not been definitely decided upon but will very probably be September 15-18.

There are excellent motor roads from the Twin Cities by way of either Duluth or Grand Rapids and roads from the Western part of the state are also in good shape. Many motor trips can be taken through the Range country, which offers a great variety of charming lakes and woods, as well as interesting towns and villages. Mines, both picturesque open pits and underground workings, are easily accessible in practically all the towns, while the processes afford a never-failing source of interest.

A large attendance is hoped for, so let each librarian exert every effort to be present at the September meeting and see that her board is represented by a live trustee. The library problems confronting the state at the present time can only be solved with the assistance of trustees and their presence at this meeting is of vital importance.

Program. The meeting will open on Wednesday afternoon with the business session, when reports of standing committees will be presented. Thursday will be Range day, with visits to other libraries and the many interesting sights of the Range. One of the Friday sessions will be devoted to book-purchases and book advertising, with a paper by a well-known book-seller, Mr. Wells of the Powers Mercantile Co., Minneapolis. Among other speakers may be mentioned Mr. W. W. Hodson of the Children's Bureau, on The child of the future, Mr. Brubaker of Duluth on Recreational activities. One evening will be devoted

to a Joan of Arc program given by Miss Mary Wadden, formerly of St. Paul, a reader of distinction and charm who has collected her material during her experience overseas as an entertainer for the Y. M. C. A.

Committees. In order to express its endorsement of the Enlarged Program of the A. L. A., the executive committee of the Minnesota Library Association met on March the sixth and decided to stress certain of the measures recommended. Accordingly the following committees were appointed with the understanding that each was to function during the interval before the annual meeting at Hibbing in September and present a report at that time.

County Library Extension, Miss Baldwin, chairman.

Enlarged membership, Mrs. Blanchard, chairman.

Standardization of libraries, Miss Hickman, chairman.

Publicity, Miss Hurlbert, chairman.

Who's who, committee on increasing professional acquaintance among librarians; Miss LeCrone, chairman.

The committee on Certification of librarians, Miss Wood, chairman, has been previously appointed and its preliminary report is presented below; also the Hospital Libraries committee, Miss Carey, chairman.

The committee on Enlarged Membership will endeavor to interest every person in the state connected with a library and to extend that interest to include whenever possible a membership in the A. L. A., as well as the M. L. A.

The "Who's Who" committee will make a study of the state before the meeting and go prepared to bring people who seek information to the ones who can impart it.

The Publicity Committee will be responsible for all advertising of the meeting and any other matter of interest to librarians.

The personnel and size of the several committees is left to each chairman.

The cooperation and interest of all librarians is earnestly solicited.

MIRIAM E. CAREY, President

MARGARET HICKMAN, Sec'y

CERTIFICATION OF LIBRARIANS

The committee on certification of librarians, appointed by the Minnesota Library Association, met on February 11-12 in St. Paul. The following members were present: Miss Wood, chairman, Mrs. Jennings, Miss Hutchinson, Mr. Russell and Miss Farr. Mrs. Lamb of Litchfield was unable to be present, but sent a letter giving some of her views on certification to be read at the meeting.

Existing library conditions throughout the state were discussed and note was made of the fact that while Minnesota has 237 state high schools, there are but 104 public libraries. Throughout the state, outside of the Twin Cities and Duluth, only nine librarians have had full college work, and five of these are in libraries on the Range. Minnesota has 40 counties, or 47% of the total number, with libraries of 5,000 volumes or over. This is a higher percentage than that for the U. S. as a whole.

As a result of the meeting, the first draft of a plan for certification of librarians has been made, and sub-committees were appointed to ascertain the effect of the proposed plan and its relation to assistants in our large libraries; to secure data on the present status of library training in our educational institutions, its future prospects and the library staff needed to make such training possible.

Librarians Affected

This plan is not intended to be retroactive, nor in any way to affect librarians in their present positions unless they wish to apply for certificates. It is simply placing a standard upon librarianship in the state of Minnesota for the use of those who shall enter the work after the adoption of this plan.

Board

To be known as the Board of Certification of the Minnesota Library Association.

To consist of five members, one of whom shall be the Director of Libraries, who shall be chairman of the board; one to be the State Supervisor of School Libraries, who shall be secretary of the board. The above two to be members ex-officio.

The remaining three members, one to be librarian of a large public library, one librarian of a small public library, and one a librarian of an educational institution, elected by the Minnesota Library Association for terms of three years each, except that

on the initial election they shall be elected for one, two and three-year terms, respectively, the terms of this office to be determined by lot between the three members first elected.

First Grade, for Life

I

Education: Full college course.

Library Training: At least one year library school.

Experience: Three years' administrative service in library of grade A; or

Five years' administrative service in library of grade B.

II

Education: Three years' college or 3 years' advanced normal.

Library Training: One year library school.

Experience: Three years' administrative service in library of grade A; or 5 years in library of grade B.

III

In lieu of college and library school board may grant certificate for

Experience: 10 years' notable administrative service in library of grade A at time this schedule is adopted; and an examination or the presentation of a thesis on a designated phase of library economy.

Second Grade; for 5 Years

I

Education: 4 or 3 years' college.

Library Training: One year library school.

II

Education: 4 or 3 years' college.

Library Training: Six weeks' summer library school.

Experience: One year library experience.

III

Education: Two years' college or 2 years' advanced normal.

Library Training: One year library school.

Experience: Two years' library experience.

IV

Education: 1 year college.

Library Training: One year library school.

Experience: Three years' library experience.

V

Education: One year college.

Library Training: Six weeks' summer library school and credit for reading course in library economy for 2nd grade.

Experience: Four years' library experience.

Third Grade, for 3 Years

I

Education: Full high school course or its equivalent.

Library Training: One year library school.

II

Education: Full high school course.

Library Training: Six weeks' summer library school.

Experience: One year's experience.

Fourth Grade, for 1 Year

I

Education: Full high school course or its equivalent.

Library Training: Six weeks' summer library school.

II

Education: Full high school course or its equivalent.

Library Training: One year apprentice course and credit for reading course in library economy for 4th grade.

Renewal of Certificates

Second grade certificates may be renewed for life upon the submission of satisfactory evidence of successful library administration during the life of the certificate.

Third grade certificates may be renewed for three years upon satisfactory evidence of acceptable service.

Fourth grade certificates may be renewed for one year upon evidence of having completed a prescribed course of reading.

ALICE FARR,
Sec'y of Committee

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Enlarged Program

Over two hundred librarians, representing nearly all the states, were present at the special meeting of the American Library Association held in Chicago January 1st, 2d, and 3d. This special meeting was called to consider proposed revision of the constitution, and also to consider matters connected with the proposed Enlarged Program which had been adopted by the Executive Board. General discussion resulted in a better understanding of the Enlarged Program and approval of an appeal for funds to support the new work.

The constitution was referred back to the Committee with recommended changes and instructions to prepare a revised draft.

Among others who presented the plans of the Enlarged Program Committee, Dr. Frank P. Hill explained that no intensive drive for

funds was proposed, but, instead, general solicitations for contributions continuous from the present time until the latter part of May. Some contributions from foundations and from interested individuals are anticipated, but it will be necessary to get contributions from as many sources as possible and from all parts of the country.

Mr. J. Ray Johnson outlined a plan for national publicity for the Enlarged Program. One of the features will be a "Blue Publicity Letter" mailed to librarians every week, giving suggestions for obtaining local publicity.

Mr. Carl H. Milam, director of the Enlarged Program, spoke of important features of the new work, emphasizing the merchant marine service, European headquarters in Paris, the furthering of better citizenship, education of adults through libraries, special libraries for business concerns and a department of information and education for publicity about library service.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Association:

Resolved, that the American Library Association approves an appeal for funds, estimated at \$2,000,000 necessary to enable it to carry on certain enlarged activities, examples of which have been set forth in a program proposed by the Executive Board, and it authorizes the Executive Board in its name and behalf to arrange for and prosecute such an appeal, provided that it be understood that this Association favors nothing in the way of such an intensive drive as was made during the war and especially nothing that involves the apportionment of funds to be raised by cities or regions.

Resolved, that it is the sentiment of this meeting that whatever enlarged activities are engaged in by the A. L. A. should be operated by the Headquarters in Chicago as far as possible and under the supervision of the executive officer at those Headquarters.

Resolved, that no motion heretofore adopted be construed to prevent the establishment of a mutual understanding between the local and state representatives as to the amount of moneys to be collected, and second, that the items in the enlarged program which should be used as a basis of local appeal are to be selected by the local library authorities, and third, that the methods of soliciting funds, whether by individual appeals for large donations or by mail appeals to a carefully selected group or by any other method, be chosen by the local authorities.

Regional directors were appointed in February by the chairman of the Enlarged Program committee, Frank P. Hill, to assume in their respective districts responsibility for raising the two million dollar fund for general library extension. These directors met in New York City in February for a ten day conference to study methods of raising money. Plans are going forward under the authority of the resolutions passed at the meeting in Chicago, for a continuous appeal for contributions to a "Books for everybody" fund which will begin in the near future and extend approximately to the first of July. As voted by the Association in Chicago, no intensive drive for money will be made.

Various features included in the Enlarged Program plans were discussed in detail at this conference, such as publicity about library work, better citizenship (including Americanization), books for the blind, library service to the men of the merchant marine and men in hospitals, the need of adult reading courses, county libraries and other rural library extension.

The first subscription to the fund was announced at the opening session of the conference. Among speakers who addressed the directors were Bishop Frederic Keator of the diocese of Olympia, Washington, and Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, trustee of the Boston Athenaeum. The conference was marked by a spirit of enthusiasm and confidence that the necessary funds will be forthcoming as soon as the value and need of further promotion of library service are properly placed before the people of the United States.

One of the most encouraging features of the publicity work already accomplished by the Enlarged Program Committee is the cordial support which has been received from magazine editors and writers who have been interviewed. The article which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, "Matters of opinion," February 14th, was cited as one example of generous publicity given by the editor because he believed in the interest which his readers would have in an account of library service.

Mr. Elmore Leffingwell, who has been retained by the A. L. A. as Counsellor and Planner for the money-raising undertaking, emphasized among other things the fact that there are penalties attached to any success in a new and useful service to mankind. "The A. L. A.," said Mr. Leffingwell, "must pay its penalty by matching up now to the in-

creased expectation of the public which stood behind its program in the war."

Mr. Clarence B. Lester of the Wisconsin Free Library Commission is regional director for the North Central States including Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

The first of the regional conferences was held in St. Paul, March 19-20. The governors of the several states were asked to appoint five library trustees to serve as delegates to the conference. Owing to the storm which delayed trains no formal meeting was held in the morning, but those who had arrived assembled in the lobby of the St. Paul Hotel for informal discussion and had luncheon together at noon. In the afternoon the meeting was called to order in the Art gallery of the Public Library by the regional director, Mr. Lester, and Mr. T. B. Walker, of Minneapolis, was appointed chairman. Mr. Frank P. Hill, of Brooklyn, chairman of the Enlarged Program Committee and Mr. George H. Tripp, librarian of New Bedford, Mass., presented various phases of the program and answered many questions propounded by the trustees present. At 6:30 the visitors attended a dinner arranged by the Twin City Library Club at the Ambassador Cafe. Miss Powell, president of the club, turned over the program to Mr. Lester and short speeches were made by Mr. Tripp, Dr. Hill, Dr. Johnston and Mr. Doane Robinson of South Dakota.

A further conference of the state directors was held on Saturday morning.

The trustees appointed as delegates from Minnesota were, T. B. Walker, Minneapolis; Commissioner Albert Wunderlich, St. Paul; H. M. Wheelock, Fergus Falls; Dudley Freeman, Eveleth, and Mrs. W. D. Joubert, Litchfield. Plans for the campaign in Minnesota have not yet been made.

COLORADO SPRINGS CONFERENCE

The Forty-second Annual Conference of the American Library Association will be held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, Monday, May 31, to Saturday, June 5, both days inclusive.

Headquarters will be at the Hotel Antlers. This and other hotels in the vicinity will provide ample and comfortable accommodations for all who attend, and it is hoped there will be a large number. Local librarians and library trustees are already planning for our comfort and enter-

tainment, and they will be assisted, so far as they need assistance, by Mr. Hadley and members of his Denver staff. This will certainly be a charming place in which to meet, with the Garden of the Gods and Pike's Peak "just out in the front yard."

The Travel Committee will have something to say as to rates, routes, schedules, etc., in the March A. L. A. BULLETIN and the other library periodicals. They are already "getting busy" on plans for a post-conference trip, probably to Rocky Mountain National Park (Estes Park region), and as we have not had a real, full-fledged "post-conference" for five years, a large number will doubtless sign up.

Set your plans for Colorado Springs!

A. L. A. BOOKS FOR DISTRIBUTION

After the demobilization of the Library War Service a surplus of about 1,200,000 books remained to be distributed. Of these the army received about 300,000 volumes, the navy about 300,000, about 250,000 have been retained for continuation of the work under the enlarged program of the A. L. A., and the remainder will be distributed to the various states through the state library authorities. The quota assigned to each state has been based on the number of ex-service men and number of books per capita in the libraries. Minnesota's share is about 4,000 books, and the Library Division of the Department of Education has been made the distributing center.

The books are given to the states to be used either as part of their traveling library collections or as outright gifts, and the following recommendations made:

(a) That the War Service aspect of the origin of the books be kept in view in using them, and that special consideration be given to individual and group requests from the ex-service men.

(b) That books shall be given or lent only to institutions which will circulate them free of charge and which will make them accessible to the public at reasonably frequent intervals.

An early request was received from the state and county tuberculosis sanatoria, in all of which institutions a number of ex-service men are found. Miss Miriam E. Carey, supervisor of institution libraries, under the State Board of Control is giving special attention to the work in the institu-

tions. Books suitable for their use have been distributed to the larger institutions and a series of traveling libraries has been arranged for the smaller places.

The A. L. A. collection will be used first to fill out the open shelf collection of the Library Division, which is particularly weak in technical books, and other books will be distributed to small libraries whose need is greatest, and which have established a permanent organization.

The books cover a wide range of subjects, including many duplicates on Advertising, Agriculture, Technical books, Economics, Government, European and U. S. history, French text-books, and English texts.

Librarians are asked to make an early application for books so that the distribution may be completed as soon as possible. It will be impossible to furnish a list of titles which are available, but checked copies of the A. L. A. Education List can be lent which will indicate partially the scope of the collection.

Frequent requests for technical and business books are being received from ex-service men. The A. L. A. addition to the Traveling Library collection will make it possible to supply many of these, and other books can still be secured through the A. L. A. Library War Service, 24 W. 39th St., New York City. Librarians are urged to advertise this service to ex-service men, particularly through the American Legion Posts, who may thus continue their faith in libraries and become boosters for better library service in their local communities.

SPRING HOUSE CLEANING

The spring of the year is the housekeeper's annual period for a general house cleaning and house clearing. Every unused article of clothing or furniture adds to the wear and tear on nerves and muscles. The thrifty housekeeper rids herself of every bit of dead wood and lumber.

The wise librarian faces a similar situation and should with courage set herself the task of relieving the shelves of the accumulation of printed matter, both books and pamphlets that is not giving service. If a book has not been used in several years it may be sold or simply discarded. If a book has stood useless for a year, it may safely be removed from the open shelf to a basement room, one step

toward the discard. Useless gifts may be prevented by explaining to the would-be donors that space and the demands upon the library determine the addition of books either by gift or purchase. A book may be excellent for a historical collection, but out of place in a small city library.

The public welcome signs of movement on the part of books and a change in the pattern of the shelves.

Plenty of book supports will keep in place the books that remain. Supports are not a luxury but a pressing necessity if bindings are to be preserved.

Documents, especially broken sets, must prove their value through use or be franked back to Washington. Your postmaster will furnish sacks.

Of course there will be important books that need repair. This is a problem for daily or at least weekly attention. It is extravagant to leave books with loose pages on the shelves and the effect upon the borrower is to encourage careless handling. The children particularly are affected by an impression of disorder.

In these days of advancing prices, the prompt rebinding of useful books is a great saving. As many librarians wait until summer the binders are pressed with work. It is best to send during the year as far as possible or have an understanding with your binder as to the time when he can give you prompt service.

Bare shelves plead eloquently for more books. Many an addition to the book fund has come because of the conspicuous vacancies visible to all beholders.

Advertise your needs definitely and graphically and the people will rise to the occasion.

Lists of duplicates or unused books may be sent to the Library Division, which will advise as to their disposition, and cooperate with the Historical Library in collecting material of historical value.

H. A. W.

ATTIC DUST AND TREASURES

Here it is house cleaning time again and the librarian, as well as every other good housekeeper, is putting on a big apron and preparing to attach the storeroom and attic. But have a care! Perhaps **your** particular library lumber room or the garret in **your** home may contain a historic treasure that

has no interest to you but that may be valuable to someone else. Not long ago a dusty little dog-eared note-book turned up in a farmhouse attic. Luckily it was saved and a local historian was allowed to see it. The sequel? A little book will soon be published, telling the story of the adventures and experiences of one of the "forty-niners" who found time at the end of each day's journey across the plans to jot down in this little journal his observations of those about him—his companions and the Indians, the mountains and plains. It is from such records as these that our histories are made and the worst enemy of the historian is the spring housecleaning.

So when your apron is tied snugly on and sleeves rolled up to the elbows, remember that your state has a historical society here at St. Paul and that in the dust of your attic there may be historical relics of great value that may seem but rubbish to you.

There surely are some old account books and letters of your grandfather—sturdy old pioneer—which have filled a chest that you now need for bedding. Don't throw them on the bonfire—they tell of the early struggles of the first settlers of our great state.

That brass kettle and little hair trunk over in the corner should be in the museum of the Historical Society, so that our boys and girls and their children's children can see how their forefathers lived. And those old engravings and the family portraits in their funny frames that no longer hang in the parlor, and the chest of grandmother's dresses, the beaver hat that grandpa wore only on Sunday, the blue china, old mirror and that pair of brass candlesticks that stand on the beam overhead—all these are of historical value.

Perhaps one of the boys had a stamp album years ago, or a collection of old coins and "shin plasters," or he may have picked up a fine lot of Indian arrowheads and beads and even a tomahawk. These too, though he has grown up and has long since forgotten them, will gladden the eye of our museum curator and our state archeologist.

The books and handbills, pamphlets and posters, scrapbooks, maps and old newspapers that irritate the orderly housewife as she digs into out of the way corners—all these should be added to the pile. Then a word to the local librarian or a post card direct to the Historical Society and when the cleaning is done, you will know that your thoughtfulness

in saving these things has been of the greatest value to our boys and girls in school, to our college students and to the mature scholars who come from all over the country to study in our splendid, new fire-proof Historical Building at St. Paul.

ROBERT W. G. VAIL, Librarian,
State Historical Library

TWIN CITY LIBRARY CLUB

The Twin City Library Club held its annual spring meeting at the "Ambassador," St. Paul, Friday, March 19, 1920. Dinner was served to about ninety-eight members.

The Club was fortunate in having as speakers, Mr. Tripp, Librarian of New Bedford, Mass., Mr. Clarence Lester, of the Wisconsin Library Commission and regional director of the Northwest "Books for Everybody" campaign, Dr. Frank P. Hill, Librarian of Brooklyn, N. Y., and chairman of the "Enlarged Program Committee" of the A. L. A.

Mr. Lester presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers.

Mr. Tripp gave an interesting talk on what the "Enlarged Program" will do to benefit libraries in aiding them to have larger staffs, greater appropriations and larger salaries.

Mr. Lester took up the great need for publicity, the necessity of having articles on libraries and their work published in periodicals and newspapers.

Dr. Hill spoke more on the details of the "Enlarged Program," giving its history, its object, its scope and what was expected from the results. He spoke particularly on the need for books for the blind and the work with the soldiers and sailors.

The meeting was then open for discussion.

Dr. Johnston, Miss Countryman and Dr. Robinson of South Dakota gave short talks endorsing the program as presented and offering their cooperation, and a resolution of endorsement was passed unanimously.

Fifteen library trustees from Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin were also guests of the Club.

JOSEPHINE M. MANN,
Secretary

CLARA BALDWIN LIBRARY CLUB

The Club met at the Eveleth Public Library on November 26th.

Following program was given:

Roll call answered by book reviews.

Reports of the M. L. A. state meeting by the members who attended.

Discussion of fiction for reserve shelves was led by Miss Hickman.

Library salaries were discussed.

No meeting was held in December.

The January meeting was held at the Hibbing Public Library.

Each member of the club answered the roll by a book review.

There was a discussion of plans for 1920 M. L. A. meeting which is to be held in Hibbing. Members of the Hibbing library staff presented a humorous sketch adapted from the poem by Sam Walter Foss on "The library staff."

In February the Club met at the Virginia Public Library.

Roll call answered by book reviews.

Miss Stilwell, county agent of St. Louis county, gave a talk on the Cooperation of the library and the farmer, showing how a library might aid the farmer through the farmers' clubs.

Miss Walker and Miss Palmer reported on the meeting of the St. Louis County Club which was held in Duluth,

MARGARET GILPIN,
Secretary

LAKE REGION LIBRARY CLUB

The third annual meeting of the Lake Region Library Club will be held at Fergus Falls, May 7-8, 1920.

The tentative program is as follows:

Address of Welcome, A. R. Kitts, President Library Board.

Response, Mrs. Marie E. Brick, St. Cloud.

Tastes of the Reading Public Today: Adult, Miss McCubrey.

Tastes of the Reading Public Today: Children, Mrs. Jones.

Librarian's view of the School Library, Miss Davis.

Getting the school point of view, Miss Wood.

Fergus Falls Library work before the cyclone, Mr. Norby.

Fergus Falls Library work after the cyclone, Mr. Lippitt.

The library in the community building, Miss Stewart, Wadena.

Advertising the library, H. M. Wheelock, Fergus Falls.

Americanization—What the libraries are doing? Round table, led by Mrs. Blanchard, Members of Club.

The Enlarged Program for Minnesota, Miss Baldwin, Miss Carey.

BUYING LIST FOR SMALL LIBRARIES FICTION

Bacheller, I. A. Man for the ages. Bobbs. \$1.75.

The author has woven all the facts and stories of the Lincoln tradition into a novel, which, though not strictly historical, gives a picture of Lincoln, droll, wise, sympathetic helpful, as, from our childhood days we have been taught from the history book legends.—A. L. A.

Blythe, S. H. Hunkins. Doran. \$1.75.

Hunkins is a political boss whose motto is: "The end justifies the means." Captain George Talbot, back from France, has learned a lesson from the war, which is that big things are done as a mass, not by fiddling around individually. He is disgusted with the corruption of city government and proposes to organize the returned soldiers and progressive women and clean things up. How he succeeds is the story.—Bk. rev. dig.

Brainerd, E. H. Our little old lady. Doubleday. \$1.00.

A pretty little ramble into the youth and unsophisticated love story of a dainty grandmother who feels rather strange in a New York flat among fashionable but well meaning children against whom one must take a firm stand when it comes to buying bonnets and gowns. Light, cheerful reading. Published in 1914 in the Ladies' Home Journal.—A. L. A.

Brown, Alice. Black drop. Macmillan. \$2.00.

The one drop of black blood in the son of a New England family which leads to cooperation with German agents in neutral propaganda in the United States. His family's efforts to circumvent his schemes lead from one dramatic incident to another up to the interesting climax.—A. L. A.

Day, Holman. Rider of the king log. Harper. \$1.75.

Good western lumbering story. How a girl endeavors to keep her father's business, is betrayed by one of his workers and saved by a member of a rival firm. Some Indian characters.

Harris, Corra. From sun up to sun down. Doubleday. \$1.50.

A Georgia farm story told in the form of letters between a mother and daughter, newly married, who with her inexperienced but educated husband is trying to start life in the country. Entertaining in spite of being largely agricultural.

Hichens, R. S. Mrs. Marden. Doran. \$1.75.

It will have a present appeal as a study of some aspects of the wave of spiritualism sweeping over England. Centers about a war mother, driven by grief without faith, to seek communication with her dead son. Does not profess to decide as to the possibility of such communications, but opposes professional mediums and their trade.—A. L. A.

Jerome, J. K. All roads lead to Calvary.
Dodd. \$1.75.

Joan, a brilliant young journalist, through whom the author shows us the power of the press and its exploitation of war, accidentally hears a sermon which shows her the value of a life of service. She meets something of a Calvary in the love of a married man who remains faithful to his wife. Turning to war nursing she finds happiness and love. The story, rather like a section out of life, is made the vehicle of many bits of philosophy well told.—A. L. A.

Locke, W. J. House of Balthazar. Lane.
\$1.90.

The hero is a man of great intellectual power, dynamic physical energy and sudden quixotic impulses. After he has spent eighteen years of voluntary exile in China and two years of hermit like seclusion on the moor with a fascinating and erudite young Chinese student, a German bomb from a Zeppelin shocks him into a dazed knowledge of the European war. Wide awake, he plunges into political activities and becomes the man of the hour.

Lynde, Frances. David Vallory. Scribner. \$1.60.

A railroad-business story in which the question of business ethics is the main problem. Vallory loses his sense of honesty where a contract is concerned but later comes to see there is only one standard of honesty. Will also class as a western story.

Macnamara, R. S. Beloved sinner. Putnam. \$1.50.

The "sinner" was a lovely young girl, and the "sin" was buying clothes she could not pay for. She was afraid to tell her lover who had a horror of debt. Her father and mother her god-father and the two men who love her are the other characters.

Lefevre, Edwin. Simonetta. Doran. \$1.50

Pygmalion and Galatea plot translated into modern Italy. The story of the daughter of an artist, who had the face of the original of Botticelli's favorite model, and how a man came to love her through her picture.

Myers, A. B. Patchwork. Jacobs. \$1.75.

A story of the Pennsylvania Dutch. Phoebe's people were "plain" and their quiet life did not satisfy her beauty-loving, music-loving soul. She went to Philadelphia and gained a broader outlook but did not lose her love and loyalty to her own people. A picture of Pennsylvania which reminds one of Mrs. Martin's stories although the characters are not so extreme.

Newton, W. D. Green ladies. Appleton.
\$1.75.

A delightful English story of Peter John and the estate Green Ladies which he rents, and its mystery. Whimsically told, with a light touch and clever characterization.

Norton, Roy. Drowned gold. Houghton.
\$1.65.

A "Jules Verne" story of submarine recovery of sunken gold. Considerably above the average of its popular type in structure, interest and characterization. Appeals mainly to men.

Overton, Grant. Mermaid. Doubleday.
\$1.75.

A mystery story with the scene laid on the New England coast and the plot concerned with seafaring men and their women folk.

Richmond, G. S. Red and Black. Doubleday. \$1.60.

A story of "Red Pepper Burns" and Richard Black and how they reacted to America's part in the war and to each other.

Richardson, Norval. World shut out.
Scribner. \$1.60.

A story of Italy. A young American who is heir to a great Italian name and estate comes to view his new possessions. He slowly falls under the spell of the place and meets and comes to love a woman who he learns later is his cousin.

Sterrett, F. R. Rebecca's promises. Bobbs.
\$1.75.

A comedy based on the effect of a girl's promise to say yes instead of no when invitations come her way and to invest in "memory insurance" by having all the good times she can.—Wisconsin Lib. Bul.

Walpole, Hugh. Jeremy. Doran. \$1.75.

There is not a chapter in the book over which one is not tempted to linger. It is the sort of volume which makes one chuckle at times, and at times smile a bit wistfully and just occasionally sigh a little. To say that the book is beautifully written is superfluous. Mr. Walpole's artistry being, of course, well known.—N. Y. Times.

Wiggin, K. D. Ladies-in-waiting. Houghton. \$1.65.

A collection of pleasant light little stories brightly told with some graceful descriptions and occasional touches of humor. Ladies-in-waiting is an agreeable volume to while away an idle hour.—N. Y. Times.

NON-FICTION

Chapman, W. G. Green-timber trails.
Century. \$1.60. 590

Sketches of animal life in the northern woods in narrative form. Trapping and hunting adventures with a background of the life of the trapper and woodsman.—A. L. A.

Chung, Henry. Oriental policy of the
United States. Revell. \$2.00. 327

Japan's ambition for a consolidation of Asia under her domination is set forth; and quite dispassionately, and backed by documentary evidence, the author surveys the American government's practical betrayal of Korea and China to Japan. Well documented.—A. L. A.

Hansen, H. A. Adventures of the fourteen
points. Century. \$2.50. 341

A book of wide general interest of material made attractive by the human manner of its presentation. The author gives the incidents and details of the peace conference carefully and impartially and with an ever present sense of the humorous and the dramatic.—A. L. A.

McCall, A. B. Larger vision. Dodd.
\$1.50. 170

"Tower-room" talk, frank and sincere, free from sentimentality, touching on the problems in the lives of all girls and women.

MacIver, R. M. Labor and the changing
world. Dutton. \$2.00. 331

The author gives broad and open minded recognition to all the elements of conflict and unrest that can be summed up in our present day demand for industrial reconstruction. He especially recognizes the growing demands of labor for a larger share in the control of production and its results. His plea is for a safe and sane solution which he sees in cooperation and education both technical and social.—Bk. rev. dig.

Mayorga, M. G., ed. Representative one-act plays by American authors. Little. \$2.00 812

Collection of twenty-four of the most significant one-act plays produced by little theatres of this country. A number of them have not been published and some are out of print. Each play is preceded by a brief biographical and bibliographical note for the author and information as to the original casts and production of the play.—A. L. A.

Miller, W. N. Canoeing, sailing and motor boating. Doran. \$2.50. 797

Part 1—Sailing and boat building; part 2, Canoeing and cruising; part 3, Motor boat management and construction. Dedicated to the "Poor man" to whom it brings helpful suggestions which should enable him to enjoy his own boat even though it be an inexpensive one. For both boys and men.

Roberts, T. S. Review of the ornithology of Minnesota. University of Minnesota. 25c. 598

A pamphlet with condensed information about Minnesota bird life, laws, refuges, etc.; a check list of birds according to season, and many charming illustrations from photographs.

Smith, L. Y. Romance of aircraft. Stokes. \$2.00. 629.1

Popular rather than technical treatment of the subject from an historical standpoint taking up the development of balloons, dirigibles and air planes from the invention to the part they played in the war. Good bibliography.—Wisconsin lib. bul.

Walsh, J. J. Health through will power. Little. \$1.50. 613

Will power and a generous allowance of common sense, attention to mental and physical hygiene are here combined for curative effects. Many of the common ailments are discussed. The book lacks the brutal tone which so many discussions on will power have.—A. L. A.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

State aid is allowed on these books to school libraries. They are recommended for public libraries also. Those most useful in small libraries are starred.

028—Books for Children's First Reading

1327a (1-3) **Baylor, A. S. & Colbert, Emma.** Young America's first book. Century..... .65

1328d (1) **Blaisdell, M. F. & Blaisdell, E. A.** Rhyme and story first reader. Little..... .42

170—Ethics

1336g (6-8) **Jackson, B. B. & others, ed.** Thrift and success. Century..... .76

320—Government. Americanization

1345f (6-8) **Parsons, Geoffrey.** Land of fair play. (School ed.) Scribner..... 1.12

Explains our government by connecting it with the rules of games. Useful for foreigners as well.

1345g (7-9) **Smith, J. F.** Our neighborhood; good citizenship in rural communities. Winston..... .80

1347d (8-9) **Ziegler, S. H. & Jaquette, Helen.** Our community: good citizenship in towns and cities. Winston..... .90

398—Fairy Tales, Folk Lore and Legend

1347e (4-6) **Bailey, C. S.** Stories of great adventures, adapted from the classics. Bradley..... 1.50

1347f (7-8) **Holland, R. S.** King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Jacobs..... 1.25

1349aa (7-10) **Matthews, A. R.** Seven champions of Christendom. Ginn..... .45

1350a (5-6) **Price, L. L.** Wandering heroes (Stories of heroes.) Silver..... .50

1350b (4-6) **Price, L. L. & Gilbert, C. B.** Heroes of myth (Stories of heroes.) Silver..... .50

400—Language

1351d **Goldberger, H. H.** English for coming citizens. Scribner..... 1.00

500—Nature and Science—General

1351e (6-12) **Fabre, J. H. C.** Field, forest and farm; tr. by F. C. Bicknell. Century..... 2.50

510—Mathematics

1351f (4-6) **Smith, D. E.** Number stories of long ago. Ginn..... .56

571—Prehistoric Times

1353b (4-6) **Holbrook, Florence.** Cave, mound and lake dwellers, and other primitive peoples. Heath..... .40

580—Botany

1355b (6-12)* **McFee, I. N.** Tree book. Stokes..... 1.75

The life history of the common species of American trees and such foreign species as have been acclimated. Part 1—Life and work of the trees, the sign language, how they grow and some of their enemies; Part 2—Kinds of trees with the legends and folk lore; Part 3—The forester and his work. Illustrations from the U. S. Forest Service.

591—Stories of Animal Life

1357d (4-12)* **Baker, Olaf.** Shasta of the wolves. Dodd..... 1.75

It describes the strange boyhood of an Indian who as a baby was left in the forest by enemies and was adopted by a she-wolf. The companionship with the wild brothers becomes so strong that when later the boy is re-captured and about to be sacrificed at a sun dance by the Indians, the wolves save him. Admirable illustrations. Appeals to children from nine years on to adults.—A. L. A.

1357e (6-8)* **Dyer, W. A.** Ben, the battle horse. Holt..... 1.35

A story about the war for boys and the history of a gallant horse. Ben was born on a Kentucky farm but finally came to live on a Long Island country place from which he went to France, where he distinguishes himself as a war horse. Paul, his owner, had taught him many tricks and it is through one of these that he is able to save Paul's life, and both receive the Croix de Guerre.

- 1357f (4-6) **St. Nicholas.** Elephant stories. Century..... 1.00
 1357g (6-8) **Wheeler, F. R.** Boy with the U. S. trappers. Lothrop..... 1.75

612—Physiology and Hygiene

- 1358e (4-6) **Ferguson, H. W.** Child's book of the teeth. World..... .44
 1362g (Ref.) **Payne, E. G.** Education in accident prevention. Lyons..... 1.00
 1362h (3-4) **Waldo, L. M.** Safety first for little folks; first steps in civics. Scribner..... .60

620—Engineering. Mechanics

- 1362i (7-12) **Collins, A. F.** Boys' airplane book. Stokes..... 1.50

630—Agriculture

- 1363a (7-9) **Simpson, J. T.** Hidden treasure: the story of a chore boy who made the old farm pay. Lippincott..... 1.50

680—Manual Training. Handicrafts

- 1365c (7-9) **Adams, J. O.** Carpentry for beginners. Moffat..... 1.50
 1365d (7-12) **Collins, A. F.** Handicraft for boys. Stokes..... 1.50
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700—Fine Arts

- 1365h (4-6) **Bassett, S. W.** Story of porcelain. Penn..... 1.25

780—Music

- 1373c (8-10) **Browne, C. A.** Story of our national ballads. Crowell..... 1.50
 Origin of our national songs, including songs of the great war, British and American. Words are given in full.
 1374b (4-6) **Simpson, Elizabeth.** Prince Melody in Music Land. Knopf..... 1.25

790—Amusements, Games and Sports

- 1374c (5-8)* **Beard, E. P.** Jolly book of funcraft. Stokes..... 1.50
 Various parties and entertainments for which the decorations, favors and game materials may be made by the children themselves. Good illustrations.
 1374d (Ref) **Coale, A. W.** Summer in the girls' camp. Century..... 1.65
 1374e (Ref) **Elsom, J. C. & Trilling, B. M.** Social games and group dances. Lippincott..... 1.75

793—Plays

- 1376a (4-6) **Payne, F. U.** Plays for any child. (School ed.) Harper..... 1.25

Stories

- 1379b (7-8)* **Abbott, J. D.** Larkspur. Lippincott..... 1.35

A good story for fourteen year old girls occupied with healthy girl activities, the girl scout movement and with a little war interest and mystery. Has some good ideas on girls' education.

- 1379c (7-8)* **Brown, E. A.** At the butterfly house. Lothrop..... 1.35

Wholesome story of natural young people in a Vermont town, happily combining school life with attractive home scenes and the charm of out of doors.—New York State Libraries.

- 1381e (7-10)* **Heyliger, Hugh.** High Benton. Appleton..... 1.50

A school story of a new type dealing with the everyday life of a boy at high school who is tempted to leave school and go to work.—A. C. Moore.

- 1381f (7-9)* **Ingersoll, Ernest.** Raisin Creek exploring club. Appleton..... 1.50

The high school burned and the boys were free a month earlier than usual. They decide to explore Raisin Creek with an older young man. Quite a bit of information on natural history is woven into the narrative. The characters are genuine every day boys and their adventures on the trip and a slight mystery make a very readable tale.

- 1381g (6-8) **Lange, Dietrich.** The Shawnee's warning. Lothrop..... 1.50

- 1381h (8-12) **Laselle, M. A., ed.** Short stories of the new America. Holt..... 1.35

- 1381i (3-6) **Lindsay, M. M. & Poulsson, Emilie.** The joyous travelers. Lothrop..... 2.00

- 1381j (7-12) **Mathiews, F. K., ed.** Boy scouts book of stories. Appleton..... 2.25

- 1382d (7-10)* **Meigs, Cornelia.** Pool of stars. Macmillan..... 1.60

The story of a girl who gives up a trip to Bermuda in order to get ready for college. She spends an interesting summer and makes a charming friendship with a boy of her own age, and an older woman who is the daughter of a dreamy old inventor. There is a mystery and a most successful story within a story.—A. C. Moore.

- 1382e (7-8) **Sabin, E. L.** Opening the iron trail. Crowell..... 1.35

- 1384c (5-6)* **Zwilmeyer, Dikken.** What happened to Inger Johanne; tr. by Emilie Poulsson. Lothrop..... 1.50

A story full of Norwegian atmosphere, and of immense appeal both to boys and girls in the natural lively pranks of a thirteen year old girl. Some parts are capital for reading aloud. Illustrations are admirable. The kind of a story we have been waiting for.—Condensed from A. C. Moore.

808.8—Readers and Speakers

- 1388a (6-8) **Greenlaw, Edwin, ed.** Builders of democracy. Scott..... .56
 1388b (Ref) **Kelley, R. E.** Book of Hal-lowe'en. Lothrop..... 1.50

- 1393h (4-8) **Skinner, A. M. & Skinner, E. L., comp.** The pearl story book: Stories and legends of winter, Christmas and New Year's day. (Jewel series.) Duffield..... 1.75
- 1393i (6-8) **Smith, E. L., comp.** Peace, and patriotism: selections from poetry and prose. Lothrop..... 1.75
- 1393j (6-8) **Smith, E. S., ed.** Good old stories for boys and girls. Lothrop..... 1.75

811—Poetry

- 1395aa (1-12) **Thacher, Mrs. L. W., comp.** Listening child. Macmillan..... 1.00
- 1395b (3-6) **Wynne, Annette.** For days and days; a year-round treasury of child verse. Stokes..... 2.00

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- 1399a (5-8) **Allen, N. B.** New Europe. Ginn..... 1.00
- 1409e (6-8) **Arnadottir, Holmfridur.** When I was a girl in Iceland. (Children of other lands.) Lothrop..... 1.00
- 1415a (2-3) **Perkins, Mrs. L. F.** Scotch twins. (School ed.) Houghton..... .72

917—Geography—North America

- 1405a (7-8) **Fisher, E. F.** Resources and industries of the United States. Ginn.. .84
- 1419c (4-6) **Saxe, M. S.** Our little Quebec cousin. (Little cousin series.) Page..... .90
- 1419d (6-8) **Southworth, G. V. & Kramer, S. E.** Great cities of the United States: historical, descriptive, commercial, industrial. Iroquois..... .70

920—Biography—Collective

- 1421i (4-6) **Corney, Evie, & Dorland, G. W.** Great deeds of great men. Heath..... .72
- 1421j (7-12) **Hyde, M. K.** Girls' book of the Red Cross. Crowell..... 1.25
- 1421k (6-9) **Lefferts, Walter.** American leaders: book two. Lippincott..... .92
- 1421l (6-8) **McSpadden, J. W.** Boys' book of famous soldiers. Crowell..... 1.25
- 1422a (6-8) **Parkman, M. R.** Fighters for peace. Century..... 1.65
- 1423e (6-8) **Wade, Mrs. M. H.** Leaders to liberty. Little..... 1.35

921—Biography—Individual

- 1423f (7-9) **Iogolevitch, Paul.** The young Russian corporal. Harper..... 1.60

- 1423g (7-10) **Joan of Arc. Richards, Mrs. L. E. H.** Joan of Arc. Appleton..... 1.75
- 1423h (6-8) **Joan of Arc. Smith, M. S. C.** The Maid of Orleans. Crowell.... 1.25
- 1423i (7-12) **Roosevelt, Theodore.** Theodore Roosevelt's letters to his children. Scribner..... 2.50

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- 1424u (4-6) **Chandler, A. C.** Magic pictures of the long ago; stories of the people of many lands. Holt..... 1.30

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- 1426d (8-10) **Kummer, F. A.** Battle of the nations: a young folks' history of the great war. Century..... 2.00
- 1430a (6-8) **Wheeler, F. W.** The wonder of war in the Holy Land. Lothrop..... 1.75

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Recent translations from the Russian

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Southern stories

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Woodwork

Books for new citizens (Learning English)

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SOME TIMELY BIBLIOGRAPHIES

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Making Americans, a preliminary and tentative list of books, by John Foster Carr, published in the Library Journal, March 1, 1920, has an interesting introduction and is well annotated. Reprints of the list have been received through the courtesy of Mr. Carr, director of the Immigration Publication Society, and a copy will be sent to any library in the state making application to the Library Division. It will be found especially useful to libraries having foreign-born readers. Attention is again called to the advantages of membership in the Immigration Publication Society, which to quote the Library Journal, "will relate the libraries and the communities which they serve with an Americanization movement of real worth and importance." A five dollar membership entitles a library to (1) the right to complete their set of publications, (2) the right to an advance copy of each publication of the Society, (3) the right to occasional gifts of books, made by interested members and (4) most important of all, the right to information and advice on any phase of library work with the foreign born.

Citizenship. Problems of citizenship, a manual for Minnesota voters prepared by the Bureau of Research in Government of the University of Minnesota for the General Extension Division of the University has just come from the press. A copy will be sent to every public library in the state, and librarians will find it useful, not only for the complete bibliography, but as a study outline for clubs and classes in citizenship. The titles which can be borrowed from the Library division have been starred and others will be added as the demand arises.

Travel. Viewpoints of travel, an arrangement of books according to their essential interest, compiled by Josephine A. Rathbone, of Pratt Institute Library School, is an alluring list chosen because they may appeal to readers for their style of presentation, for their associations, for the subjects

emphasized, as hunting, folk lore, nature, or for the personalities revealed. American Library Association. 50c.

Thrift. The teaching of thrift, an outline course for the public schools of the state has been prepared by Mr. R. B. MacLean, of the Department of Education, co-operating with the War Savings Organization of the Ninth Federal Reserve District. The pamphlet contains a good bibliography of books and recent magazine articles, besides many suggested readings. A copy will be sent to each public library in the state.

LIBRARY DIVISION NOTES

Women's Clubs. A few women's clubs have already reserved libraries for next year and several have written for sample programs, or for subjects on which club libraries can be furnished. It is not too early to reserve libraries for 1920-21, and those who come first have the widest range of choice. The Library Division is always glad to send out sample programs but this can only be done when clubs file their programs with us. Considering the number of clubs in the state the number of programs on file is very small and we ask the librarians to help secure a more complete collection. We can use this year's programs to great advantage now to help the clubs who are planning next year's study. This is a splendid chance to do co-operative work throughout the state.

High School Orations. Numerous requests for package libraries have been received. The Library Division would make the following suggestions in regard to the orations. (1) Work through your local library, using its material first and sending through it to us for additional material.

(2) Choose concrete subjects for high school work, vocational and biographical topics usually proving the most satisfactory. If a pupil selects an abstract subject for himself and has definite ideas on it, he may derive information and inspiration in working it out, but the "up-in-the-air" subject is usually less satisfactory than the concrete.

(3) When sending to us for material please state plainly your subject, explain what it means to you, and what material you want.

Buying List for Small Libraries. This list will be published each issue and we are trying to make it increasingly worth while.

Through an arrangement with publishers a librarian may borrow from the Library Division any book on this list for examination. It is hoped that this will be of real service as an aid in book selection.

Since the Library Commission has become part of the Department of Education the work is more closely coordinated than ever before and the juvenile list which formerly was published for small libraries only, will in the future become a supplement to the list "Library books for elementary and rural schools," and will be graded and order numbers added. This means that any school library or any public library doing work for schools under contract with the school board may get STATE AID on books on this list. The aim is to make this list of more practical value to the small library where each dollar is so precious, and to put on the list only those books which have really proved valuable in actual trial.

Traveling Libraries. With pleasant weather and out-door activities coming on naturally less reading is being done. Still there are many evening hours, rainy Sundays or rest times when a book will give just the change or stimulus needed. A Traveling Library in your community or a Home Library where this is impossible will bring valuable returns. And just a suggestion—you will find the "standards" and many of the books published a few years ago of greater value and more real interest than the "best seller" of this or last year. Try them and see.

In many places the school has had the only Traveling Library and has used it either wholly for the pupils or for the school and the community. What provision is being made to furnish reading after the school closes? Cannot the teacher and the residents arrange to have the library kept where it will be available for the community during the months the school is closed? If the teacher has been acting as librarian she should check the books carefully and report to this office if any are missing and the person who will act as librarian.

In places where there are summer resorts or camps a Traveling Library should be an added attraction. Any of the residents may take charge of this for the benefit of the community or someone interested in the resort or camp may arrange for a library for the use of all. Of course no charge may be made for the use of the books, they being

subject to the general rules governing Traveling Libraries.

To Teachers. Now that the debate season is nearly over and the schools will be closed within a month or two, check up carefully the material you have borrowed from the Library Division and return it that your account may be clear, and the material available for other reference requests next year.

L. E. C.

SCHOOL LIBRARY NOTES

The school librarian has visited Pine Island, Faribault, Northfield and St. Cloud.

Talks were given before the Rice County school officers, the state high school teachers of English, and groups of teachers at the St. Cloud Normal school and the Franklin Branch library in Minneapolis.

HOW PINE ISLAND HAS ORGANIZED ITS SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

Pine Island is a village of 900 and has a very charming library building, the gift of Mr. Frank Van Horn, who left his entire estate for the purpose, the remainder of the funds after the erection of the building becoming a permanent endowment for books.

The opening occurred two years ago with Mrs. Claude C. Perkins as librarian and the hours until recently have been fifteen per week.

The school children, of course, have been using the library very freely, but in order that it might truly serve as a school library and that the librarian might have time to give the necessary library training to the students, and to direct the reference work more satisfactorily, a contract has been entered into between the library board and the school board whereby each agrees to pay one-half of the salary of the librarian and the hours of opening are increased. The additional hours are in the morning and early afternoon periods, so that the service to the public remains as formerly. The work has grown so rapidly that the librarian finds a full day none too long. The pupils' use of the books has doubled. It will undoubtedly be necessary to lengthen the library hours. The interests of the entire community are taken care of in such a way that the two

phases of library work, the work with the schools and the work with the public do not interfere with each other.

The librarian's salary is paid upon the same basis as that of the high school principal, and is more than twice the salary previously paid.

A teacher who tries to teach four or five hours a day with the necessary daily preparation and to do justice to the library, which also involves preparation, cannot give satisfactory service without overworking.

Where it is not possible to employ a full-time librarian for the school, it is often better to share with the public library in the village, the services of one who is a librarian primarily, as is being done in Pine Island, rather than to ask a teacher to prepare herself adequately for library service, and to work in the library only an hour or so each day.

If the librarian succeeds in teaching every grade child and every high school student how to use the library she will be fully occupied.

H. A. W.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Flora Crane Connor, librarian of the Austin Public Library from the opening of the Carnegie building in 1904 until April 1917, when she had a stroke from which she never recovered, died early in February, following another stroke, which left her entirely helpless. The following extract from a local paper is printed not only as a tribute to Mrs. Connor's memory, but as a summary of the character and influence of the ideal librarian.

"Few women in Austin have left their imprint of influence on the character of so many of our young people as Flora Crane Connor. She took a personal interest in every child or young person who came to the library. She assisted in their research work, helped them in the selection of reading, encouraged them to read better books, and added to her work as librarian, the personal element which made her so valuable and loved. Around our public library she brought an atmosphere of cordiality and refinement. She set standards of efficiency and usefulness which will influence our library work in all the years to come. Her gift of the personal touch made the timid child at ease in her presence, the discouraged student inspired with a new courage, and older people never found her too

busy to become interested in the subject on which they sought information. She read broadly that she might be familiar with the books of the library, and what she read she remembered. The knowledge she gained was used in helping others, and the keynote of her character was service. She gave to the world a life of usefulness, a mind single in its purpose to serve, a heart of sincerity and warmth, and a beautiful character which have made the world better for her living."

Miss Miriam E. Carey, supervisor of institution libraries, State Board of Control, was given six weeks' leave of absence to visit the hospitals and sanatoria in the Northern Division, and assist in the distribution of books from the A. L. A.

R. L. Walkley, assistant librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library, resigned to accept the position of librarian of the University of Maine, beginning his duties March 1st.

C. E. Graves, librarian of the Minnesota Historical Society Library, has resigned his position to take charge of a fruit farm in Oregon.

Robert W. G. Vail, formerly reference assistant in the Information Division of the New York Public Library, succeeded Mr. Graves as librarian of the Historical Society on March 20.

Miss Della MacGregor was granted leave of absence to give a course of lectures in the Riverside (Cal.) Library School on Children's books and libraries.

Miss Ellen Scott, Wisconsin Library School, formerly librarian at Boscobel, Wis., has been appointed children's librarian at Virginia.

Miss Juliet Lawrence, of the Detroit Public Library, formerly of Duluth, has been appointed assistant at the Hibbing Public Library, with special charge of publicity.

Miss Carolyn Gillette, children's librarian at Buhl, resigned at Christmas time to take a position in the Cleveland Public Library.

The village council at Crosby extended a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Deering for their efficient service on the library board since its establishment and especially to Mrs. Deering who has given her services as librarian. Mr. & Mrs. Deering are leaving to make their home in Yakima, Washington, and two of the teachers, Rosetta Lefko and Edith Frenette have been appointed librarians.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

(Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. They should be sent to the Library Director by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.)

Albert Lea. The school board has purchased the library of Albert Lea College, a valuable collection containing many reference books.

Austin. The librarian is arranging a bird study contest to take place Arbor Day.

Brainerd. A benefit movie "Little women," put on by the book committee of the library board, cleared \$180, which will be spent for books.

Buhl. A service record of all men who served in the World War from Buhl and vicinity has been compiled and placed in the library for reference.

Carlton. The public library was reopened with a public reception January 3, in its new quarters at the Railroad Men's club rooms.

Chatfield. A valuable gift from a member of the library board is a large filing cabinet for clippings and pamphlets.

Coleraine. The library has been re-decorated.

Crookston. Two handsome copper jardinières, specially made for the purpose, have been presented to the library by Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Turner, to hold the ferns given by them seven years ago, which had entirely outgrown their original containers.

Duluth. The Duluth Art Association arranged a four days' exhibit of prints in the library club rooms the last of February. The exhibit included Japanese prints, Holbein, Copley and Medici prints loaned by the art shops of the city and a number of individuals.

Fairmont. The Fairmont Travel Class was entertained at the library by Miss Minnie Bird, the librarian, on its annual Book day. The program consisted of readings and book reviews of recent books, including a discussion of the best children's books in the library.

Father O'Connell has turned over to the library for the purchase of books \$200, the proceeds of two concerts given by the Catholic Church for the benefit of the community.

Faribault. A much needed addition to the library quarters has been made by finishing the vacant space on the third floor of the city hall to house the document collection, and altering the rooms on the second floor to accommodate the children's books. The

rooms will all be decorated, and the total cost of alterations will be about \$2,000.

Fergus Falls. Thanks to the gifts of the Carnegie Corporation, the Minnesota Legislature, and the loyal support of the citizens, the library has been repaired and renovated and is again established on a working basis. During the ten years since the present librarian has been in charge the library has grown from 3,591 to 7,855 volumes, the number of borrowers has increased from 2,675 to 4,349 and the circulation from 11,030 to 30,860. Since the contract for service to the schools was undertaken in 1916, the reference work has greatly increased. The former children's room became the Student's Reference room, and the auditorium in the basement was finished as a children's room in the fall of 1918.

Dr. G. O. Welch has given to the library the art books and prints which the late Mrs. Welch had collected during her many years' of club work. These books will be a valuable addition to the library's reference department.

Hibbing. An exhibit of plans for house-building and furnishing was held at the Alice Branch in December.

The Hibbing library bus has been advertised all over the country through the A. L. A. publicity. Illustrated articles have appeared in several magazines, as well as in newspapers.

Judge H. S. Dibell of the State Supreme Court has presented to the library a collection of 1,300 law books.

The men's reading room which was used by the Red Cross during the war will be re-furnished for its original purpose.

Hill City. The members of the Progressive Club put on a play in February for the benefit of the library.

Lewiston. The Woman's club of Lewiston is holding a series of chain luncheons for the benefit of the school library which has recently been opened to the public.

Little Falls. The library board has purchased the lot adjoining the library property, 50 by 150 feet, for \$1,100. Half of this amount was given by two citizens, and the remainder will be raised by popular subscription. A gift of \$250 for books has been received from the Pine Tree Lumber Co.

Mankato. The public library is increasing its service for the county, although no

funds are received for county extension. A collection of books has been sent to Rapidan and requests for books have been received from seven other places in the county.

Minneapolis. Although the Minneapolis library has the full one-mill tax allowed by law for cities of the first class, the fund is wholly inadequate to meet increased running expenses. As a means of retrenching all branches will be closed three evenings in the week. The county commissioners have increased the appropriation for extension work to \$1,500.

New Ulm. The school library which is the only library in the city accessible to the public has received a gift of 124 standard books of fiction, biography, poetry and travel from a local lodge. The library now contains about 4,000 volumes.

North St. Paul. A library board has been appointed by the council and an appropriation of \$350 has been received from the village and county. The library will be open two evenings a week in the high school building.

Olivia. The librarian reports that "The quarters of the Olivia Public Library have been enlarged with extra shelf room and floor space, a number of magazine subscriptions and a reading table have been put in, the library is open an extra afternoon, making four periods during the week and that the Village Council has made an appropriation of \$425.00 for the expenses of the year 1920.

Owatonna. The appropriation from the county has been increased from \$500 to \$700.

Princeton. The public library will be removed the first of April to a room planned for its use in the new High-school building, where it will be combined with the school library in charge of a librarian employed jointly by the school and library board.

St. Paul. Recent inquiry among three women's clubs in Hamline showed that 82 per cent of the members had library cards in their homes.

Mr. Max Toltz has presented to the library his private collection of engineering works. The collection numbers 123 volumes. It includes also a collection of European views, among them nearly 200 views of German cities.

The series of weekly lectures on the use of books and libraries inaugurated September 20, was attended by about fifty students from Hamline University, Macalester College and St. Catherine's. Nineteen students completed the course and received college credit for it.

The following articles relating to the library have recently been published: "The James J. Hill Reference Library and the St. Paul Public Library," by R. Clipston Sturgis, *Architectural Record*, January, "Business and the Public Library," by the Librarian, *Journal of Electricity*, January.

In the Y. M. C. A. Employed boys brotherhood efficiency contest, which started January 9, and closed February 6, ten points were allowed for reading and reviewing not more than two of eight selected books. Answers were required to the following questions: What is the object of the book? What part of the book did you particularly like and why? In what way has the reading of this book benefited you? Forty-five reports were received.

A city ordinance effective December 13 established the following distinction between the grade of library page and that of junior library assistant, hitherto embraced in one grade: Library pages—education, 1 year high school course; duties, shelving, messenger service, card sorting, etc. Junior library assistant—education, three years high school course and library apprentice course; duties, reading room and desk service.

Stillwater. The county commissioners have increased the appropriation for library extension from \$400 to \$600.

Virginia. "Library card week" in March added about 200 new borrowers to the library, most of whom live in locations nearby. A prize was offered to the boy and girl bringing in the largest number of new borrowers.